

Application No. 09/878,572
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Remark:

Claims 1-29 were pending. Claims 28 and 29 have been canceled, and no claims have been either amended, or added. Hence, claims 1-27 remain pending. The Office Action of 4/18/05 rejects all claims as anticipated under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) by Fangman et al. (U.S. Patent No. 6,687,245). Applicant respectfully traverses the rejection.

Fangman was filed July 11, 2001 and is based on a provisional application filed April 3, 2001. Hence, the earliest possible effective date of Fangman is April 3, 2001. As set forth in the rule 131 affidavit included herewith, the subject matter of the Application was conceived of and reduced to practice at least as early as November 3, 2000. Affidavit at ¶ 11. As set forth in the rule 131 affidavit included herewith, each of claims 1-27 are supported. Affidavit at ¶¶ 2-10. Hence, Applicant respectfully requests withdrawal of the rejection and allowance of the claims.

Conclusion

In view of the foregoing, Applicants submit that all claims now pending in this Application are in condition for allowance.

No fee is believed to be due for this response. However, please charge any required fees or credit any overpayments for this Amendment to Deposit Account 06-0029.

If the Examiner believes a telephone conference would aid in the prosecution of this case in any way, please call the undersigned at 303-607-3500.

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